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Policy Manual

The attached policy manual has been approved by the Utilization Advisory Board and is published for the guidance of all persons using TALENT materials and TALENT derived information.

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POLICY MANUAL
Sanitization of
Talent Materials

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I. GENERAL POLICY

The general policy of the Utilization Advisory Board (UAB) is to encourage and facilitate the maximum use of TALENT materials and TALENT-derived information consistent with the preservation of source security and the highest national interest of the United States.*

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this manual is threefold; first, to identify those authorized to sanitize TALENT materials and TALENT-derived information; second, to set forth policies to govern the actual sanitization of TALENT materials and TALENT-derived information for use outside the TALENT Control System; and third, to set forth principles designed to achieve the widest possible dissemination of TALENT-derived information by inclusion of the information in non-TALENT intelligence publications provided suitable cover has been established. Nothing in this manual or annexes hereto is intended to permit the use or dissemination of TALENT materials in their original state outside the TALENT Control System except as specifically authorized by the Director of Central Intelligence or as provided by the TALENT Control Manual as amended.

III. SANITIZATION POLICIES

The following policies shall govern the sanitization of TALENT materials and TALENT-derived information:

A. No single system or method shall be employed to accomplish change from TALENT form and substance to sanitized form and substance. Instead, as many different methods as possible shall be used in order to assure that compromise of any one method will not reveal to unauthorized persons the magnitude of the TALENT program or the extent of US intelligence success.

*TALENT materials are defined as the actual photographs or ELINT tapes as collected by TALENT methods. TALENT-derived information includes photo-interpretation reports, ELINT reports, mission summaries, and finished or semi-finished intelligence studies that are protected by the CHESS codeword.

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B. All sanitization processes will be accomplished within the TALENT Control System by TALENT indoctrinated personnel as authorized by the JAB representatives of the Armed Services and CIA, and to the maximum possible degree at the Washington level. Sanitization accomplished below this level shall be restricted to major commands, such as SAC, USAFE, CINCPAC, USARPAC, etc., as may be authorized by the chiefs or directors of USIB agencies participating in the TALENT program.

C. Sanitization of TALENT materials and TALENT-derived information will be accomplished only when the result can be attributed to an appropriate and logical collection method. Furthermore, all sanitizations must be prepared in such a manner as to conceal completely the true source. Photography and ELINT materials will not be sanitized for release from the system except as authorized in annexes hereto. The information, if used to correct or update tabular or graphic presentations must be thoroughly obscured by a volume of information from other sources.

D. All sanitizations, unless exception is specified in annexes to this manual, will be classified at least as high as SECRET and will bear the NOFORN control as a minimum. TALENT materials and TALENT-derived information once taken out of the TALENT Control System in conformity with procedures described herein will no longer be subjected to other than normal security precaution and control unless more restrictive handling is specified.

E. To the maximum extent possible, sanitizations produced by one agency shall be made available to all agencies participating in the TALENT program. For control purposes a copy or report of all sanitizations and fabrications will be filed in the TALENT Control Center of the Central Intelligence Agency Photographic Intelligence Center (CIA/PIC) which will maintain permanent records of sanitizations as a service of common concern.

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IV. BACKGROUND USE OF TALENT-DERIVED INFORMATION

The following principles shall govern the use of TALENT-derived information for background:

A. Authorized elements of USIB agencies participating in the TALENT program may use TALENT-derived information provided:

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1. The information can be documented adequately by existing reports of a non-TALENT nature and/or by intelligence reports containing TALENT-derived information already sanitized by other means. (See III above and the annexes hereto.)

2. The information can be expressed as an intelligence assumption or conclusion that logically can be formulated from the other evidence presented in the publication.

B. The above principles applying to the use of TALENT-derived information in intelligence publications will apply to the use of TALENT-derived information in the preparation of non-TALENT intelligence requirements, (i.e., a TALENT-derived intelligence requirement must be based upon, or logically derived from, information available outside the TALENT Control System if it is to be placed against non-TALENT collection methods).

C. Agencies or offices using TALENT-derived information as background in the preparation or evaluation of non-TALENT publications or requirements are not required to submit file copies of such publications or requirements to CIA/PIC.

~~V. RESPONSIBILITY~~

It shall be the responsibility of the ~~UAB~~ representative of the agency or office undertaking release of TALENT material or TALENT-derived information from the TALENT Control System, to ascertain that procedures and security safeguards set forth in this manual or its annexes have been followed in each instance. The ~~UAB~~ in order to assure compliance with existing procedures, retains authority to undertake periodic review of TALENT materials or TALENT-derived information released from the TALENT Control System.

~~VI. NEW TECHNIQUES~~

The ~~UAB~~ will continue to encourage the development of new techniques for releasing TALENT materials or TALENT-derived information for use outside the TALENT Control System. Any agency or office developing new techniques is required, however, to obtain ~~UAB~~ approval and to prepare an appropriate annex to this manual before effecting actual release of applicable material or information.

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